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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arda Akman  
Serial No. 09/589,449  
Filed: 06/07/2000  
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXECUTING CONTROL PROTOCOLS  
AMONG NODES IN SEPARATE IP NETWORKS**

Examiner: Parton, Kevin S.  
Art Unit: 2153

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed 27 May 2003, Applicant files the present preliminary amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant encloses a credit card form authorizing payment of \$878.00 representing the RCE fee, a one month extension of time fee, and an extra claim fee. If any additional fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

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